**Extra Credit Current Health Issues Assignment**

**Task Description:**

Select and read an article that specifically relates to a current health issue and complete a written summary and reflection based on the information discussed in the article. A student may then opt to provide a BRIEF overview of the current event to the class for an additional 5 points on the assignment. This assignment allows students to begin investigating important and recent issues arising in our world today and to recognize the scope and significance of developing an awareness of many different health issues.

**Guidelines For Writing/Article Selection:**

1. Articles MUST be obtained from the Internet or a Newspaper.

**2. All articles selected MUST be no more than two weeks old from the assigned due date in class.**

3. Each student must respond to the questions listed below for the article selected.

4. Response to questions MUST be typed in 12 font, Times New Roman.

5. A complete copy of the article and/or a complete URL citation must be submitted with the written work.

Work submitted without this information will be returned to the student.

6. The completed assignment should be NO MORE THAN ONE PAGE.

***The assignment will add up to an additional 10 bonus points to the unit packet currently being completed OR replace up to two missing homework grades.***

**Submitted work MUST respond to the questions below:**

**Questions: Please be very thorough and detailed with your responses.**

1. 1. Summarize the article in your own words. Summary should be clear, specific, and provide a thorough depiction of the entire article. **The summary should answer the questions of who, what, where, when, and why.**

**Example:** On July 19th, 2010(**when)**, the city of Portland, ME(**where)** enacted a ban on smoking(**what)** in outside dining areas of all restaurants and bars to limit secondhand smoke exposure for non-smoking patrons.(**why)**. This ban will begin immediately and likely will impact smokers, non-smokers, and restaurant owners. (**who)**

2. How might the author’s conclusions impact or effect society, both positively and negatively?

All health issues will impact people’s lives in some way, discuss how the information in this article will impact our society, or other societies both positively and negatively. It may only impact a certain group of people, but please consider all aspects when doing this component of the assignment.

1. What is your opinion of the article and/or your opinion of the information/issue presented in the article.

Consider your opinion on the issue prior to reading the article as well as new thoughts after reading the article.

**Submitted work MUST also include:**

**-** Your Name - Completion Date

- Date of Article - Title of Article - Website (complete URL) OR copy of article

Websites for Articles: [www.pressherald.com](http://www.pressherald.com/); [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com/); [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com); [www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com)